

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed Office Action of 03/10/2005. The submissions made by the Examiner in the Office Action have carefully been considered. In response, amendments have been introduced to the claims to emphasize the distinguishing features of the invention.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

In view of the Examiner's comments in this section, as well as in view of the lack of response from the Examiner to the Applicant's email of May 11, the Applicant provides new IDS, which replaces the previously submitted statement. A cheque for the appropriate fee is also attached. Please note that the second page of the IDS originally submitted is for US Application No. 10/727,935 which is not related to this case nor is it another one of our cases.

Specification

In response to the Examiner's comments in this section appropriate amendments have been introduced to the text on page 1 of the specification.

Drawings

As suggested by the Examiner, appropriate text has been included in the specification to describe the elements marked with reference characters 18, 44, 39, 59, and 49 to 55. Character 83 is described in section 26 on page 16 of the specification.

Claim Objection

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to remove the deficiencies referred to by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2 and 4 of the present application as being anticipated by the disclosure in Foote et al. (5,655,786).

In response, the Applicant has amended claims 1 to more appropriately define the claimed invention. It is submitted that the amended claim is now directed to the combination of an elongate support structure (see structure 16 in Fig 2) that carries the plurality of printhead modules, an ink feed member (extrusion 15 in Fig 2) placed in the support structure and at least one printhead module. A printhead module may comprise moldings (28 and 34 in Fig. 3) and film layer (35 in Fig. 3).

An important difference from Foote et al. is the presence of an ink feed member 15 that is positioned in the support structure. Foote does not disclose a direct equivalent of this feature. In addition, the ink feed member includes a number of ink channels extending in the direction of the support structure. As shown in Fig. 6 in Foote, none of the equivalent structures in Foote include such longitudinal channels. These are substantial differences that sufficiently distinguish the present invention from the cited US patent. Since these features are neither disclosed, nor suggested in the cited document, a skilled addressee apprised with

the document will not be directed to the present invention as a matter of routine. Accordingly, claim 1, defining the invention, is not only novel but also inventive.

Allowable subject matter

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his helpful comments in this section.

In light of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

Applicant:



KIA SILVERBROOK



TOBIN ALLEN KING

C/o: Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd
393 Darling Street
Balmain NSW 2041, Australia

Email: kia.silverbrook@silverbrookresearch.com
Telephone: +612 9818 6633
Facsimile: +61 2 9555 7762